

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Removal Action Workplan

Ohlone Community College District - Proposed Newark Campus Newark, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 7, 2005 – June 6, 2005

The Department of Toxic Substances Control invites the public to review and comment on a draft Removal Action Workplan for the Ohlone Community College District's (OCCD's) Proposed Newark Campus. OCCD proposes to clean up soil containing pesticides in the northern 31-acres of the Site to residential standards so that a college campus can be constructed. The southern 50-acre portion of the Site will remain in agricultural use. Land use restrictions and an Operation and Maintenance Agreement will be entered into to ensure that soil in the southern 50-acres is safely managed.

DTSC, a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), evaluated the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Addendum for the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology. These documents were adopted by the Ohlone Community College District, the lead agency for the development project, on December 8, 2004 and March 30, 2005, respectively. DTSC determined that the cleanup actions proposed in the draft RAW are within the scope of and adequately described by the EIR and Addendum. Therefore, DTSC proposes to file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Office of Planning and Research upon approval of the RAW.

Information Repositories: A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ohlone Community College District, Building 20, 43600 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94539-0390 and at the Newark Public Library, 6300 Civic Terrace Avenue, Newark, CA 94560. Please call (510) 795-2627 for Newark Library hours. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC File Room, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, California. Please contact Lule Varela at (510) 540-3800 for an appointment.

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup activities during a 30-day public comment period. Your participation is encouraged. The public comment period begins May 7, 2005 and ends June 6, 2005. All public comments will be carefully considered in making the final decision for the site. Written comments must be postmarked by June 6, 2005. Please mail your comments to Janet Naito at DTSC, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94710-2720 or email your comments to her at inaito@dtsc.ca.gov.

If you would like to discuss this project with a DTSC representative, please call Ms. Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager, at 510-540-3833.or email her at jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov. For information about public participation and community involvement, contact Nancy Cook at (510) 540-3923 or email her at ncook@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please direct your calls to Angela Blanchette at (510) 540-3732 or email her at Email: ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.

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